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SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SITREP MAY 1, 1973

THE FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FROM NHA TRANG 01 MAY 73 REPEATED
FOR YOUR ACTION AND INFO. QUOTE:

O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0457

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SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP, MAY 1

1. SUMMARY: MILITARY ACTION LIGHT AND CONCENTRATED IN BINH DINH
PROVINCE, WHERE PRG RELEASED 294 DETAINEES TO GVN CONTROL ON APRIL
30. ICCS PLANS SECOND ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT DUC CO TEAM MAY 1.

2. SECURITY SITUATION: ACTION THIS PERIOD THE USUAL MIX OF MININGS
AND ENEMY ATTACKS LY FIRE ON GVN OUTPOSTS AND WAS CONCENTRATED IN
BINH DINH, WHERE EIGHT OF REGION- WIDE TOTAL OF ELEVEN INCIDENTS
OCCURRED. (ONE INCIDENT IN BINH DINH WAS CONNECTED WITH RELEASE
OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES AND IS DESCRIBED PARA 5 BELOW.) REMAINING
THREE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED FROM PHU YEN, BINH THUAN AND KONTU M.
ALL BUT TWO CASUALTIES DURING THE PERIOD RESULTED FROM THE BINH
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DINH INCIDENTS. REGIONAL AGGREGATES WERE: ENEMY, SEVEN KIA, TWO M-60 MACHINE GUNS CAPTURED; RVNAF, FOUR KIA, 11 WIA.

3. TUYEN DUC SECTOR REPORTED THAT 42 CIVILIANS ESCAPED ON APRIL 30 FROM A VC- CONTROLLED AREA NORTHEAST OF DALAT AND MADE THEIR WAY TO HANG ROI HAMLET, EIGHT KMS NOR WHICH TOP

OFFICIALS DECIDED THEY NEEDED A FIRMER BASE FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. HE OPINED THAT STUDY APPROACH SHOULD BE EASIER FOR US FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, FFF AHD ALWAYS PREFERRED TO INITIATE PROGRAM WITH A STUDY, AND SECONDLY, MOT IS NOW DROPPING ITS INSISTENCE THAT TEAM LEADER BE COMMITTED DEFINITELY TO STAY ON AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.; HE ADDED THAT LATTER PROVISION IS NOW A HOPE RATHER THAN A CONDITION.

4. OBI WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HOPED THAT THE STUDY WOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AND COULD BE DONE BY A TEAM OF 3-5 EXPERTS AT A COST OF PERHAPS 60-75,000 DOLLARS. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD DERIVED THESE FIGURES FROM PHASE ONE OF THE PACKAGE APPROACH.

5. OBI ADDED THAT SINCE THE COST OF STUDY IS NOT LIKELY TO BE LARGE, MOT HOPED THAT AID COULD FINANCE INITIAL PHASE ON A GRANT BASIS. THIS APPROACH, HE SAID, WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR MINISTRY TO GET PROGRAM FOR FAA ASSISTANCE LAUNCHED THROUGH THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. EMBASSY OFFICER AGREED THAT THE COST OF THE FIRST PHASE COULD PROBABLY BE UNDER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT NOTED THAT AID'S GRANT FUNDS WERE TERRIBLY SHORT.

6. IN VIEW TWA'S EXPERIENCE WITH TOP MOT OFFICIALS AND SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENTS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FAA, WHILE BEING RESPONSIVE, SHOULD PROCEED AT A DELIBERATE PACE, ATTEMPTING TO GAUGE FMG SERIOUSNESS IN MAKING THE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES NECESSARY TO ASSURE FIRST- RATE AIRLINE AND CIVIL AVIATION PROGRAM. THE PROPOSED STUDY, AS IN SIMILAR FIRST PHASE OF TWA AGREEMENT, WILL AT LEAST GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS ASSESSMENT OF SERIOUS INTENT. WILL APPRECIATE FAA/ W' S EARLY REACTION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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